Subject:	MINUTES - PCAG MEETING OF 12/12/2003		
via:	email	cc:	Sylvia Hamilton/SMNA
То:	Eric Gobler for email distrib'n	Date:	December 17, 2003

**PRESENT:** See sign-in roster. Harvey Packard was recognized for the valuable time he has assisted with PCAG meetings. Mr. Packard will no longer attend as a representative for the Regional Board; Mr. Eric Gobler will now be in attendance.

**AGENDA:** No new items proposed at the meeting outset. Meeting coordinated by Chair Sylvia Hamilton.

**Minutes of 11/14/03 Meeting:** The minutes were approved with one adjustment. Page three, paragraph six, sentence one was omitted. Sylvia is looking for assistance in preparing the meeting minutes from the Regional Board or SCVWD for upcoming meetings. Kristina Seley of the Regional Board has offered to assist when available.

**Attendee Sign-in Sheet:** Sylvia requested all those in attendance add name/contact info to get on the mailing list.

**Meeting Day/Time:** Sylvia Hamilton noted the attendance during the prior afternoon meetings versus evening ones remained constant. Sylvia also expressed her preference for the afternoon meetings. PCAG members decided that most meetings would remain on Friday afternoons with a few throughout the year in the evening to help accommodate everyone's schedule.

## **Regional Board Update:**

- a) Recent Technical Reports- Harvey Packard discussed the recent submittals from Olin currently under review by Regional Board staff. The soil feasibility study, which includes a technical evaluation of various cleanup technologies, and a work plan for groundwater flow evaluation northeast of the site are under review. As presented in the November meeting, Regional Board staff is also commenting on the Third Quarter Monitoring Report.
- **b)** Replacement Water Supplies- Mr. Packard discussed the SCVWD letter and response by the Regional Board on December 4<sup>th</sup>. The Regional Board has not issued a Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) because Olin continues to work cooperatively with Regional Board staff. Mr. Packard also emphasized that the Regional Board will not issue a CAO without prior public review.

Regional Board staff met with Olin last Tuesday and discussed many topics including offsite replacement water for perchlorate-contaminated wells. The level of effort for cleanup could vary depending on the state standard that may be set soon and therefore the Regional Board requested Olin conduct an analysis on various cleanup levels (4-40ppb). Olin will continue to supply bottled water at this time.

A repository was also discussed where Olin would submit a hardcopy and CD of report submittals for public access. The County Health Department in San Martin, and libraries in Morgan Hill and Gilroy were presented as possible locations. Mr. Bob Wood and Ms. Hamilton requested more than one copy and the Regional Board is trying to fulfill this. If the library cannot make copies of CDs, Gary Shallcross offered his assistance at (831) 649-2832 for anyone interested in copies. Mr. Packard also stated Olin might provide a perchlorate or toxics expert at an upcoming Regional Board or PCAG meeting. Sylvia would like to see Olin openly communicate to meet the well testing needs of the community and help move the cleanup forward.

The Regional Board will inform anyone of the meetings they have with Olin, but they cannot require the SCVWD or others be allowed to attend the meeting. Mr. Packard said the Regional Board is trying to get information from everyone involved.

Olin will provide to the Regional Board an outline of a work plan for replacement water by Friday December 19<sup>th</sup>.

Bob Cerruti requested Olin provide bulleted items with monthly updates Including a timeline of a six (6) month projection of on and offsite plans. The Regional Board already receives monthly updates, and will forward them to all PCAG interested parties. They will also request Olin include in the status reports a timeline for the next several months to help document their status.

David Athey was introduced as the new water resource engineer for the Regional Board, and Eric Gobler is the new senior engineer.

**Finalize Letter to Electeds:** Sylvia Hamilton, Evelyn H., and Tracy H. have finished the letter to electeds and a few changes on the CC list were noted. The letter will be sent to the governor, state, county, city and local elected representatives, and Olin.

**Request Letter to RWQCB:** The draft letter to the Regional Board was reviewed with a few modifications. The subject line was altered, and request number five was eliminated and various wording was changed. Evelyn Heinrichs and Sylvia Hamilton will address the changes.

**Groundwater Guardian Program:** Tracy Hemmeter introduced the groundwater guardian program, a volunteer program sponsored by the Groundwater Foundation. The SCVWD is an affiliate and would like PCAG to join to support the groundwater

community. The first step of the program is to form a team consisting of representatives from different aspects of the community. Second, the program volunteer group must provide a short workplan including an activity to focus community interest. This program will provide PCAG with more support from the SCVWD and national support. Also, they will be provided with funding and technical support. It is designed to increase awareness and improve community outreach.

All members of PCAG approved the joining and the representatives are: Sylvia Hamilton: Education; Tracy Hemmeter: local government; Bob Wood: business and/or agriculture; Evelyn H. (and all PCAG attendees) citizens. Visit <a href="https://www.groundwater.org">www.groundwater.org</a> for more information.

**Outreach:** South county cities are concerned because they are receiving calls from outside lenders with misconceptions of the perchlorate contamination. The perchlorate contamination has not affected the real estate market. A website was discussed where lenders could go for information.

Jerry Orlando suggested PCAG organize a community comment meeting with input from all. Also, information can be sent to an expanded IP list including local churches.

**Perchlorate Working Group (PWG) update:** PWG is composed of the SCVWD and Cities. Tracy summarized the meeting, which included a discussion of the December 4<sup>th</sup> Regional Board letter.

**Open Forum:** The SCVWD and the Regional Board are encouraged to continue to communicate with PCAG.

Gary Shallcross discussed the MCL setback. The MCL will not be set as expected by January; peer review is currently under way, and the Governor's executive order may slowdown the process. Sylvia is writing a letter to Governor Arnold and encourages all to do the same. Mr. Packard discussed the outcomes of a MCL.

The SCVWD will evaluate and install ion exchange well head treatment and are awaiting a possible grant

**NEXT PCAG MEETING:** Friday January 9, 2004, 2 - 4 pm at San Martin Lions Club Hall, 12415 Murphy Ave., San Martin. Agenda items to Sylvia Hamilton (sylvialrs@hotmail.com).

Minutes submitted by Kristina Seley, Reid Fisher